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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Panga Boat and Marijuana Located on Coastline**

(U) Carlsbad – Authorities are investigating a possible smuggling attempt after an abandoned panga boat and several bundles of marijuana were found on a Carlsbad coastline early Friday morning. Carlsbad police contacted US Border Patrol agents about the discovery at Carlsbad State Beach, Border Patrol Agent Eduardo Olmos said. Inside the boat, agents found canisters of gasoline, likely intended to be used to refuel the boat. A search of the area turned up a van with more bundles of marijuana, Olmos said.

SOURCE: 23 February 2018, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Connecticut – State Agencies Targeted in Cyber Attack**

(U) Hartford – State officials say a weekend cyberattack targeted about 160 computers at a dozen Connecticut state agencies. A spokesman for the state Department of Administrative Services says the ransomware attack was first detected Friday and state computer experts worked over the weekend to contain it. Agency spokesman Jeffrey Beckham says the attack appeared to be contained by Sunday night. The event matched the profile of a ransomware virus called the "WannaCry" virus, which locks computers until a ransom is paid.

SOURCE: 26 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Texas – Dobie High School Student Arrested for Viral Snapchat Threat

(U) Houston – A Dobie High School student has been arrested for making a terroristic threat on Snapchat that went viral among students nationwide. The threat was made on Snapchat and suggested the student was going to "take as many people as I can on Monday." The identity of the student has not yet been released. Additional administrators and police officers will be on campus this week as an extra precaution. The investigation remains active at this time.

SOURCE: 25 February 2018, [KHOU11](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Colombia – Colombia Extradites Major Drug Suspect to US**

(U) Bogota – A suspected drug chief known as the "Pablo Escobar of Ecuador" was extradited to the United States on Saturday, Colombia's chief prosecutor's office announced. Washington Edison Prado had tried unsuccessfully to prevent extradition by claiming membership in the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — a status that would have made him eligible for a type of amnesty under a peace deal. US officials accuse Prado, also known by the alias "Gerald," of shipping more than 250 tons of cocaine to the United States.

SOURCE: 24 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Mexico – Authorities Find 103 Migrants Abandoned in Freight Trailer**

(U) Mexico City – Mexican immigration agents say they have found 103 Central American migrants in a freight trailer left by a roadside near the US border. Mexico's National Immigration Institute said Friday the trailer was found near Ciudad Camargo, across the border from Rio Grande City, Texas. The container had apparently been abandoned by migrant traffickers, and a passing military patrol heard people pounding on the walls and calling for help. The migrants included 91 Hondurans, seven Guatemalans and five Salvadorans.

SOURCE: 23 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Nigeria – 110 Girls Unaccounted for after Boko Haram Attack

(U) Abuja – One hundred and ten girls are missing after an attack on a school in northeast Nigeria by suspected Boko Haram insurgents, the information ministry said yesterday, in what may be one of the largest abductions since the Chibok kidnappings of 2014. Boko Haram attained international notoriety after abducting more than 270 schoolgirls from the town of Chibok. That case drew global attention to the insurgency and spawned high profile social media campaign Bring Back Our Girls.

SOURCE: 25 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

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